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Photo by Tech. Sgt. Roy Santana

## 'Landing' Las Vegas

NELLIS AIR FORCE BASE, Nev. — A B-2 Spirit Bomber touches down on a runway here March 2. On Feb. 26, the 509th Bomb Wing deployed B-2s and

Airmen to Nellis to participate in a Red Flag exercise, which allows B-2 pilots and aircrews to train in a realistic simulated war environment.

# Wing tests tornado response procedures



Photo by Senior Airman Joe Lacdan

Tech. Sgt. Andrea Garcia and Capt. Chris Meyer help Airman 1st Class Bryan Mack, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, out of Bldg. 705 during the natural disaster response exercise Tuesday. Airman Mack was one of several mock casualties with moulaged 'wounds' for exercise realism. For the first time, the annual disaster exercise also included a simulated munitions incident. Sergeant Garcia and Captain Meyer are 509th Medical Operations Squadron members. See Page 4 for more exercise photos.

By Senior Airman Joe Lacdan

Public Affairs

The start of Missouri's dangerous tornado season meant the testing of the wing's disaster response procedures.

Through coordination of 509th Bomb Wing senior leaders, and base units and agencies, the wing conducted its annual natural disaster response exercise Tuesday. The exercise tested the wing's survivability during a tornado and ability to minimize damage to crucial assets.

"A tornado is the biggest natural disaster threat facing this wing," said Maj. John Westenhaver, 509th BW Plans chief of logistics. "It's very important to kick off this exercise at the beginning (of tornado season) to ensure maximum survival of the wing."

A new twist was added to the annual event. The exercise included a simulated facility collapse on a weapons trailer loaded with joint direct attack munitions.

"It's an opportunity to test more than one facet of readiness," said Maj. Rhett Binger, chief of wing plans. "There is always potential for damage to conventional weapons."

The three-and-a-half hour exercise allowed the wing to test two separate threats to the base simultaneously, which reduced costs to the wing, and lowered the operations tempo, Major Westenhaver said.

The simulated tornado touched down near the base lake and headed northwest on a trail of destruction. The most intense activity occurred at primary

### Tornado drill scheduled

The 509th Bomb Wing will conduct an initial notification and response tornado drill at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday in conjunction with the Missouri emergency broadcasting system. Residents should expect to hear the emergency voice siren. All employees and residents should practice taking shelter and appropriate recovery actions.

damage sites at Bldgs. 705, 706, and six flight line facilities including the control tower.

The exercises objectives were:

- ✓ Assess weather forecasting and information flow.
- ✓ To validate unit level emergency response checklists.
- ✓ To test unit level actions in accordance with Whiteman Air Force Base Instruction 15-11, Base Weather Support Plan.
- ✓ To verify the disaster control group's operations from their alternate location.

Major Westenhaver said the wing needed to improve communications levels during disaster response, especially information flow from the unit control centers to the Disaster Control Group and from the wing to the base populace at large.

"It's key that everyone acts with a sense of urgency," Major Westenhaver said. "It's a very real potential threat facing our wing."





File photo

509ers showed their commitment to serve another term during a re-enlistment ceremony at the 2003 air show.

## Commander's Corner

By Col. Chris Miller

509th Bomb Wing Commander

**EDUCATION: THE ENGINE OF OUR AIR FORCE.** Monday, Congressman Ike Skelton helped us break ground on a new \$10.7 million Professional Enhancement Center. This 62,414-square-foot facility will bring together our First-Term Airman Center, airman leadership school, promotion testing facilities and civilian extended campus education programs. The B-2s we operate here are a daily reminder of how important science and technology is to our profession. All this high-tech hardware requires high-tech Airmen to keep it going. By providing Airmen (and their family members) a first-class place to learn, the new PEC will maintain our base's most important asset: our people.

**THE MEANING OF SERVICE.** Our Air Force takes benefits for its people very seriously: pay, housing, medical, retirement, and education. These big issues go to the heart of taking care of our people. But if your main focus is on what you get by putting on the uniform, you have it backwards. Being an Airman is just as much about what you give — your time, your energy and your loyalty — to something much larger than just a career. Defending our nation's constitution, our way of life and those we love can't be looked at as a job. The commitment and personal sacrifice required for success won't be there unless the task is a calling. The other editorial on this page, from a

first sergeant at Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany, asks a good question: Why do you want to be in the Air Force? Think about it. Your answer is important.

**CONGRATULATIONS!** Sixteen Whiteman senior NCOs were selected to become Senior Master Sergeants this week, joining a very selective group of our Air Force's enlisted leaders. I'm proud of them and along with many others, wish them and their families great success as they continue to serve with distinction in our Air Force.

**WELCOME HOME.** Many families in our 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron eagerly await the return of their loved ones from overseas today. These Airmen, serving alongside their Army teammates, ensured our forces in Iraq had the supplies to keep up the fight. To all of them, as well as others recently returned, a hearty thanks for a job well done! To all those still deployed — Godspeed and come home safe!

**BEAUTIFUL WEATHER FOR A BIKE RIDE.** Warm weather's around the corner and two-wheel vehicles come along with those nice spring days. If you're pedaling yourself, remember to wear a helmet and be extra careful, since auto drivers are out of the habit of looking for cyclists. If you're getting back on your Harley or Ninja, take it easy -- get your riding reflexes back smartly and don't give in to the temptation to open the throttle just because you can. Be a good personal risk manager and ride safe!

# Strive for greatness as you serve

By Senior Master Sgt. Russell Hastings

52nd Civil Engineer Squadron

**SPANGDAHLEM AIR BASE, Germany (USAFENS)** — *In my travels as a first sergeant, I've had many conversations with Airmen as to why they want to be in the Air Force.*

*Sometimes this question comes to me while I'm in my car in the early hours of the morning, after a less-than-brilliant act has occurred. "Just why do you want to be in the Air Force?"*

I've heard a lot of good and bad answers to this question. So, why do we serve?

We do not serve to further our education. This is a great benefit, but it should not be the only reason, or even the most important reason, we wear the uniform. If it is, we should serve to the best of our abilities, be proud of our service and separate honorably after four years.

We do serve to protect our country, even if it isn't perfect. We serve to protect everyone, even those who don't support us, and to give them the freedom to express their opinions without fear of reprisal.

We serve to give our citizens the right to vote, even if they don't exercise it. We serve our fellow Americans, even if they eat too much fast food and watch too much television.

We do not serve for the money. I dare say even our general officers can do better financially in the civilian world.

If an Airman wants to argue money with me when it comes to re-enlistment, I will refuse to engage.

I know there are formulas out there that show how great

we are doing with our pay and benefits, but it should never be the driving force behind military service.

We do serve to bring the concept of democracy to the oppressed people of the world. I know this sounds hokey, but there it is.

We do not serve because we need a job. The Air Force provides us with employment, of course, but these days we have no room for mediocrity.

We should all be constantly looking for a challenge, no matter what our level of experience or responsibility. We should never rest on our laurels, or be content with the status quo.

When we begin to look at the Air Force as "just a job," it's time to move on to a job on the outside. I don't want an Airman that's only going to do their job going into a combat zone with me.

We do serve to come to the rescue when the world needs us most — to mobilize in times of humanitarian catastrophe or natural disaster.

Despite what the rest of the world may think — even some Americans — we are the good guys. There is no Spiderman or Wonder Woman to save the world. We're it. If we wear the uniform, we must believe this.

When it comes to serving, the most important thing to remember is this: You can't reach a point in your career when you expect to "get your dues" for your service.

The more you progress in your career, the more responsibility you incur, and the more you are expected to serve. It may sound pessimistic, but it's not. Serving is what it's all about. If you strive for greatness, you've got to serve.



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# General Jumper commends CENTAF Airmen

By Staff Sgt. Andrea Knudson

U.S. Central Command Air Forces-Forward Public Affairs

**SOUTHWEST ASIA (AFPN)** — Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper made time to visit two forward-deployed locations recently during a trip to the region for the Middle Eastern Air Symposium.

He received an operations update at U.S. Central Command Air Forces-Forward headquarters at one location, before visiting top performers assigned to the 380th Air Expeditionary Wing at another.

At the headquarters, Lt. Gen. Walter Buchanan, CENTAF commander, and other leaders briefed General Jumper on current activities and high-visibility programs across their area of responsibility. Of special interest were presentations on the use of airlift to mitigate ground convoy casualties in Iraq's dangerous "Sunni Triangle" area, and airpower's support for security operations enabling the recent Iraqi elections. They also briefed support for the fledgling Iraqi Air Force.

CENTAF's mission is to furnish integrated airpower supporting operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom as well as operations in the Horn of Africa. Its assets are drawn from joint and coalition forces and include fighter, airlift, tanker, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance aircraft.

CENTAF forces have contributed significantly to ongoing operations supporting the war on terrorism, General Jumper said.

"Look at most of the intelligence, the surveillance . . . the Predator and fighter sorties that are being flown, the unbelievable amount of tactical airlift every day moving things around . . . I think it's a pretty good impact. It's not only in Iraq, it's in Afghanistan. And what are the results? We've had two elections," he said.

For Iraq's historic elections, General Buchanan said, "CENTAF helped create a safer environment by support-

ing Iraqi and coalition operations to detect, deter and disrupt terrorists.

"We also enabled successful democratic elections by keeping combat aircraft over key hot spots and by transporting officials and ballots from the independent election commission for Iraq to and from critical polling areas," he said.

CENTAF people simultaneously protected crucial Iraqi infrastructure. Additionally, they provided security for coalition convoy missions and backed up ground troops in contact with enemy forces, officials said.

Throughout U.S. Central Command this past year, CENTAF Airmen have flown about 70 fighter sorties and 30 reconnaissance missions daily. They have flown about 3,000 passengers, moved 400 to 500 tons of cargo and unloaded about 2 million pounds of fuel daily. Aircraft also flew injured people out of theater as needed and performed a variety of other specialized missions.

CENTAF officials met the heavy demands of the latest air and space expeditionary force rotation and major Army and Marine troop rotations while increasing convoy relief to support supply operations. Since October, C-130 Hercules increased their daily tonnage 210 percent, officials said.

The contributions CENTAF Airmen have made to the war on terrorism and the corresponding humanitarian operations reflect just how important each team member is, officials said.

"What you're doing is huge," General Jumper said. "It's going to make a difference for the whole world. People are our most valuable asset, and every person should recognize (he or she is) part of a bigger picture.

"What we're demonstrating is the power of the vote — democracy in action. And it's all because of the efforts of the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen and Marines doing the nations' work."



Courtesy photo

**SOUTHWEST ASIA — Gen. John Jumper, Air Force Chief of Staff, shakes hands with Senior Airman David Wheeler, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron, during a re-enlistment ceremony in Southwest Asia. Airman Wheeler is deployed to the 380th LRS.**



Photo by 2nd Lt. Mary Olsen

## Breaking ground

Col. Chris Miller, 509th Bomb Wing commander, talks with U.S. Rep. Ike Skelton, Missouri's 4th district, during a ground-breaking ceremony Tuesday. The ceremony marked the beginning of construction for the new professional development center to be located on Spirit Boulevard across from Bldg. 509.



Photo by Army Spc. Jody Metzger

## 'GITMO cruiser'

GUANTANAMO BAY NAVAL STATION, Cuba — Airman 1st Class Heather Heimann and Senior Airman Justin Traylor, 509th Security Forces Squadron, ride a Gator multi-purpose vehicle inside Camp Delta here. The Whiteman Airmen are deployed to the Joint Detention Operations Group, Joint Task Force Guantanamo.

## Contragulations to Whiteman's new E-8s

The Air Force released the senior master sergeant-select list Wednesday. The Air Force selected 1,535 of 16,708 eligible, which is a 9.19 percent selection rate. At Whiteman, 16 were selected for a 9.14 percent selection rate.

The selectees are: Master Sgts. Gary Bolton, John Gaudiello, Richard Stover and William Vance, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron; Cory Nicolson and Scott Thaut, 509th

Bomb Wing; Mark Onken and Dean Turner, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron; Peter Blaszczyk, 509th Maintenance Group; Jeffrey Hollinshed and Roy Person, 509th Maintenance Group; William Keen, 509th Munitions Squadron; Manuel Calderon, Vincent Marler and David Verran, 509th Operations Support Squadron; and Michael Scobey, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron.

## News in Brief

### Controlled burn set

An airfield controlled burn begins at 10 a.m. Saturday. Base members can expect moderate to heavy smoke on the east half of the airfield. The fire department and U.S. Department of Agriculture will be on hand to monitor the burn. For more details, call airfield management at 687-3101.

### MXG hosts annual banquet

The annual Maintenance Professional of the Year Awards banquet begins at 5:30 p.m. April 8 at Mission's End. The speaker is Maj. Gen. Elizabeth Harrell, Air Combat Command director of maintenance and logistics.

The meal is barbecued brisket. The cost is \$8.25 for members and \$10.25 for non-members. Military dress is battle dress uniform and civilian dress is business casual. To R.S.V.P., call 687-1211 by April 1.





Photos by Senior Airman Joe Lacdan

## As real as it gets

Above: Airman 1st Class Shannon Shibles, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, awaits simulated medical attention from the 509th Medical Group Ambulatory Services. Eleven wing members were “moulaged” or given prosthetic treatment to illustrate mock wounds during the wing’s annual natural disaster response exercise Tuesday. Top right: Chris Finkes, a 509th CES firefighter, adjusts his gas mask before searching for “victims” in Bldg. 705. Right: Airmen 1st Class Jordan Acord and Michael Snyder, 509th CES, carry a “wounded” Airman 1st Class David Rodriguez.



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# Make a difference

By Senior Master Sgt. Steve Poole

Whiteman Top 3 President

What is the Whiteman Top 3 all about? Why should I get involved?

These are a couple questions I asked myself when I first earned the master sergeant rank. I thought I had a pretty good idea of what the answers would be, based on my active participation in different squadron Top 4 organizations. But later, I realized I didn't know the full extent of what the answers could be to different people.

I've been an active member of the Top 3 for four years. During this time, I've learned the group is a great way to network with other senior NCOs on base. I can put a face to the voice at the other end of the phone while trying to coordinate things, gather information or solve problems — all of which are beneficial to getting things done as a senior enlisted leader.

Throughout my career, I've seen many events and efforts benefiting the enlisted members and their families. These include enlisted luaus, educational grants, SNCO induction ceremonies, supporting professional development through instruction and recognition, and monetary support to organizations and events that directly impact the enlisted community.

I have fun at Top 3 meetings basking in the fellowship of the SNCOs who are able to attend that month. Face it, we all deserve to have some fun while serving out our tours of duty.

Additional insight as to what the Top 3 is about and why you should consider participating can be garnered from people around the wing. For instance, Chief Master Sgt. Vicki Orcutt, 509th Bomb Wing command chief master sergeant, shared her thoughts with a Top 3 inductee after the 2004 SNCO induction ceremony.

"Now that you have earned the rank of master sergeant, not only do you need to be active in your squadron Top 4, you have to help make a broader difference by actively participating in the wing-level senior enlisted organization," Chief Orcutt said.

"Your opinions and influence in the Top 3's efforts will impact more people throughout the wing. This also applies to other organizations, like the Air Force Sergeant's Association or groups that strive to improve the quality of life for those who serve," she told the inductee.

I also spoke with others about why they got involved with the Top 3 group. This helped me gain even more perspective into the questions at hand.

Master Sgt. Brian Tobin was a 509th Maintenance Squadron B-2 structural maintenance superintendent when he became involved in the Top 3. He has since moved to Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, but said he joined the Top 3 to help make a difference in the wing.

He was an inductee during the first SNCO induction ceremony here in 2003.

"I thought it was a great event. I wanted to get involved in making it a special, meaningful event for others who would follow, so I volunteered to get help planning and coordinating the 2004 ceremony," Sergeant Tobin said.

Master Sgt. Ray Guest, 509th Munitions Squadron and Top 3 vice president, said, "When I was a junior NCO I noticed how the Top 3 was involved with activities on base that focused on enlisted members. Those Top 3 members set a good example.

"I feel it's important for me to do my part to carry on that tradition. As supervisors and leaders, it's crucial we invest time and energy into efforts toward growing future SNCOs," said Sergeant Guest.

After researching what the Top 3 organization is about and why members should get involved, I've come to realize that the Top 3 is a dynamic, evolving organization of senior enlisted leaders who shape the group and guide its efforts to enhance the morale and welfare of the enlisted corps.

The group decides what the group is about, and forms itself as a means to an end. Why people choose to become involved seems to be unique to each person.

Different factors motivate people to act. The fact they choose to become involved in the organization is the important part of the equation. It's through individual action that the synergistic group is able to make contributions that have direct impact on the wing's enlisted corps.

The bottom line is that the reasons to get involved are personal. Whether it's to help make things better for others who will follow, to help mold and shape the force of tomorrow, to meet other SNCOs and network, or just to have some fun while making a difference in the wing, the reason isn't as important as the involvement.

And it's these dynamic people who make the Top 3 what it is — SNCOs who actively want to improve the quality of life of the enlisted corps.

*For a listing of other base organizations turn to Page 9.*

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**John Luke and Airman 1st Class Joseph Quinones, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron, use a line truck to move overhead high-voltage ground wire. The wire is used to conduct lightning strikes away from buildings.**

## Third time's a charm

Laborer/Craftsman of the Year charges up outdoor electric flight

**By Senior Airman Neo Martin**

Public Affairs

*(Editors note: Retired Senior Master Sgt. John Luke was Whiteman's Laborer/Craftsman of the Year for 2004. In the March 4 edition of the Whiteman Spirit the Laborer/Craftsman of the Year was misidentified.)*

After 26 years of Air Force service, three years of civilian employment and a third return to Whiteman in 2001, retired Senior Master Sgt. John Luke continues his service long after hanging up his uniform.

For the past five years, Mr. Luke has worked for the 509th Civil Engineer Squadron Exterior Electric Flight. The recent 509th Bomb Wing Laborer/Craftsman of the Year award winner credits his return to the Air Force to a couple of factors.

"After I retired from the Air Force, for three years I worked for a civilian company traveling all over the world doing high-voltage switch gear work. It was to the point where I would finish a job in Honolulu, Hawaii, and have five days before I had to be in Frankfurt, Germany," he said.

"My wife never complained about me traveling but when a job opened up on Whiteman I applied for it. My wife was excited (about the prospect of working here) and it offers a greater stability — I'm able to take care of things at home (because) I'm home every night," he said.

Camaraderie also brought Mr. Luke back to the Air Force.

"Here we are part of a team with the same goals — the same mission. In a civilian company everyone has different goals," he said. "And it's rewarding to train the young guys and work with them."

While on active duty, Mr. Luke was a new staff sergeant when he arrived at Whiteman in the mid 1970s. He returned as a new master sergeant in the 1980s. Looking back at 26 years of service, Mr. Luke said, "The Air Force helped me grow up. It gave me confidence in myself and made me unafraid to ask for help when I needed it."

After a successful Air Force career as a senior NCO and a rewarding return to the military community, Mr. Luke said, "I've learned Airmen have a unique opportunity to see and do things most people dream about. An Air Force career can give you a breadth of experience most people don't get."

Mr. Luke said the credit for his recent selection as Laborer/Craftsman of the Year belongs to the people in the exterior electric shop.

"This is not a one-man show," he said. "We never work alone. I love working here, morale is high we work hard, and get along. These guys are great."



Photo by Senior Airman Neo Martin

**Former Marine Corps Sgt. Ralph Eads has a prescription filled by Courtnei Wicker, 509th Medical Group volunteer pharmacy technician. Military members are advised to take proper steps to keep their dependents' records safe after separation from the military.**

## Keep records intact after military service

**By Kathryn Holbert**

509th Medical Group

Upon completion of military service, the military instructs members what to do with their medical records; not so with military dependents' records.

It's important for people to know what happens to these records so they can make the right choices about what to do.

**For separations:** If members want their dependents' information, they must go to the 509th Medical Group Release of Information Office and request copies.

Spouses and children 18 and older must request and pick up their own copies. Copies should be requested at least 30 days before to sponsor separation date. However, under certain circumstances, arrangements can be made to mail copies to a forwarding address if request can't be made within the recommended timeframe.

**For retirees:** Handling of their dependents' military medical records depends on where they are relocating to following retirement and on how their medical care is going to be handled.

✓ If a retiree is staying in the local area and will continue to use the Whiteman clinic as the primary provider, nothing needs to be done with the records.

Retirees' dependents' records will be maintained at the facility in the same manner they have been maintained during their active-duty.

✓ Retirees relocating to another area where they will use a military medical facility, no action will be necessary until they reach the locality.

Then the retiree or their spouse and children 18 or older will need to visit the release of information office at the gaining medical facility to request their records be forwarded from Whiteman to the new location.

As soon as the 509th MedGp receives the request, dependents' records will be packaged and shipped to the gaining facility.

✓ Retirees relocating to an area where military medicine isn't an option must visit 509th Medical Group Release of Information Office and request copies.

Spouses and children over 18 must request and pick up their own copies.

Spouses and children of retirees in this situation should request copies 30 days before the sponsor's retirement date.

However, under certain circumstances, arrangements can be made to mail copies to a forwarding address if request cannot be made within the recommended time frame.

If your situation is different from the described scenarios or for more information, visit the release of information office and talk with a clerk about the special circumstances or call 687-2101 and the staff members will work out an arrangement that is right for you.

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# WAFB’s who’s who

*(Editor’s note: These private organizations are dedicated to supporting Team Whiteman through a variety of quality-of-life projects, which include scholarships, food basket programs, enlisted luaus and other events. For more information on a particular group, contact one of the people listed.)*

## Whiteman Officers’ Spouses’ Club

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1st Vice President: **Diane Scherr**  
2nd Vice President: **Wendy Bankson**  
Charitable Treasurer: **Angie Basham**  
Operational Treasurer: **Kristen Brechwald**  
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Corresponding Secretary: **Donna Doering**  
Parliamentarian: **Christine Bartholomew**  
**Note:** Elections take place in April.

## Whiteman Enlisted Community Organization

President: **Jennifer Phillips**  
Vice President: **Amy Allen**  
Corresponding Secretary: **Stacey Korson**  
Recording Secretary: **Nikki Traylor**  
General Treasurer: **Amy Allen**  
Charitable Treasurer: **Lori Olive**  
**Note:** Elections take place in April.

## Company Grade Officers Association

President: **2nd Lt. Tom Hamlyn**, 509th Operations Group  
Vice President: **2nd Lt. Marie Brant**, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron  
Treasurer: **2nd Lt. Heather Townsend**, 509th LRS  
Secretary: **2nd Lt. Jason Hamilton**, 72nd Test and Evaluation Squadron  
**Note:** Elections take place in February.

## Chiefs’ Group

President: **Chief Master Sgt. Bill Hammerli**, 72nd TES  
Vice President: **Chief Master Sgt. Harold Hale**, 509th Maintenance Squadron  
Treasurer: **Chief Master Sgt. Bill Bivins**, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron  
Secretary: **Chief Master Sgt. Andy Alvarez**, 509th MXS  
**Note:** Elections take place in April.

## First Sergeants’ Group

President: **Master Sgt. James Delap**, 509th MXS  
Vice President: **Master Sgt. John Benson**, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron  
Treasurer: **Master Sgt. Darlene Buss**, 509th Mission Support Squadron  
**Note:** Elections take place in January.

## Top 3 Association

President: **Senior Master Sgt. Steve Poole**, 509th AMXS  
Vice President: **Senior Master Sgt. Ray Guest**, 509th Munitions Squadron  
Treasurer: **Master Sgt. Tim O’Malley**, 509th MXS  
Secretary: **Master Sgt. Pedro Canabal**, 509th Bomb Wing  
**Note:** Elections take place in June.

## Tier 2

President: **Tech. Sgt. Tammy Klonowski**, 509th MSS  
Vice President: **Staff Sgt. Alan Reynolds**, 509th Communications Squadron  
Secretary: **Staff Sgt. Kevin Mattingly**, 509th Operations Support Squadron  
Treasurer: **Staff Sgt. Melanie Green**, 509th Comptroller Squadron  
**Note:** Elections take place in December.

## Whiteman Airmen’s Council

President: **Airman 1st Class William Piper**, 509th CPTS  
Vice President: **Senior Airman Matthew Swank**, 393rd Bomb Squadron  
Secretary: **Airman 1st Class Mindy High**, 509th AMXS  
Treasurer: **Senior Airman Eric Ybarra**, 509th MUNS  
Volunteer Coordinator: **Senior Airman Leila Hemenway**, 509th BW  
**Note:** Elections take place in August.

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# Wing honors new promotees in ceremony at Mission’s End

The 509th Bomb Wing honored 70 promotees at its monthly promotion ceremony March 1 at Mission’s End. The promotees are:

**Airmen Chad Carrier**, 509th Logistics Readiness Squadron; **Michael Davidson**, 509th LRS and **Kassandra Hatheway**, 509th Munitions Squadron.

**Airmen 1st Class Derek Crump**, 509th Maintenance Squadron; **Sean Ezell**, 509th MXS **David Feters**, 509th Civil Engineer Squadron; **Ray Frederick**, 509th MXS; **Cody Hudson**, 509th Security Forces Squadron **John Kendhammer**, 509th Medical Operations Squadron **Stan-**

**ley McDonald**, 509th CES, **Tyris Simpson**, 509th MDOS, **Adam Taylor**, 509th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron, **McKenzy Wiseman**, 509th AMXS, and **Christopher Zimmerman**, 509th CES.

Senior Airmen **Derek Adams**, 509th LRS, **Kristen Allen**, 509th MUNS, **Christina Blache**, 509th Communications Squadron, **Anthony Bonham**, 509th MXS, **Carlos Cabrera**, 509th MXS, **Antonio Conde**, 509th MXS, **Chiya Dawoudi**, 509th CES, **Timothy Durham**, 509th AMXS, **Ryan Edwards**, 509th MXS, **Theodore Feld-hacker**, 509th CES, **Leila Hemenway**, 509th Bomb Wing,

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For more details, visit <https://wwwmil.whiteman.af.mil/509mss/educ/homepage.htm> or call 687-5750.

### Assessment survey set

The base training and education services flight is conducting a needs assessment survey to gauge the educational needs of the Whiteman community. Active-duty military, dependents, civilians and contractors are asked to complete the survey.

To access the survey, visit <https://afvec.langley.af.mil> and click on "Take the Survey." Feedback and comments are vital to ensure the training and education services flight offers programs that fit your needs.

### AFAF offers grants

The Air Force Aid Society is offering 4,500 college grants.

Applications for the \$1,500 need-based grants must be received by today. The program is open to dependents of active duty, guard or Reserve performing active duty, and retired or deceased Airmen.

Applicants must be enrolled as full-time undergraduates at an accredited college or university during the 2005-2006 academic year and must maintain a 2.0 grade point average. Selection is based on cost of attendance, income and number of applicants.

For more details and application instructions, visit the AFAS Web site at <http://www.afas.org> or call 800-429-9475.

## Community

### Tier 2 meeting set

The Whiteman Tier 2 meets at 3 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month and at 10 a.m. the third Tuesday of each month at Mission's End. The next meeting begins at 10 a.m. Tuesday.

The guest speaker is Chief Master Sgt. Terrance Douglas, 509th Medical Group. For more details, call Tech. Sgt. Tammy Klonowski, WT2 president, at 687-7132.

### MOAA meets Tuesday

The Military Officer's Association's Spirit Chapter meets at 6 p.m. Tuesday at Mission's End. The guest speaker is Paul dorsy, Blue Springs High School JROTC advisor.

The meeting is open to all Whiteman officers. To R.S.V.P. or for more details, call Chaplain (capt.) Dan Forman at 687-3652.

### Top 3 meets

The Whiteman Top 3 meets at 3 p.m. Thursday at Mission's End. For more details, call Senior Master Sgt. Steve Poole at 687-5073.

### WOSC meets March 31

The Whiteman Officers' Spouses' Club meets at 6:30 p.m. March 31 at Mission's End. Participants will watch a movie and play games to test their level of being a movie connoisseur. For more details or to R.S.V.P. by March 25, call Michelle Hunt at 563-4858 or e-mail [kevinandmichelle@charter.net](mailto:kevinandmichelle@charter.net).

### Tickets available

Team Whiteman members have an opportunity to attend a taping of "Wheel of Fortune" at Bartle Hall in downtown

Kansas City, Mo.

Military members, civilians and retirees wanting free tickets to a taping must e-mail Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp, 509th Bomb Wing Public Affairs, at [francesca.popp@whiteman.af.mil](mailto:francesca.popp@whiteman.af.mil) by Thursday.

Tapings take place at:

- ✓ 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. April 8
- ✓ 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. April 9
- ✓ 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. April 10

When e-mailing for tickets, include: name, military status, number of tickets, and date and specific taping time. An e-mail will be sent to the requester once the tickets are received. Tickets can be picked up in the PA office in Bldg. 509, Room 111.

### Items lost and found

Numerous keys, watches, bicycles and other items have been turned in as found property to 509th Security Forces Squadron Investigations. People may inquire about lost property at Bldg. 711, Room 311, or call 687-5343.

### ALS graduation set

The Whiteman Airman Leadership School Class 05-C's graduation begins at 5:30 p.m. March 23 at Mission's End. The guest speaker is retired Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Eric Benkin.

The menu is mixed greens with balsamic dressing, lasagna platter with grilled zucchini and garlic bread. The cost is \$15.95 for members and \$17.95 for non-members. The uniform is mess dress/semi-formal for military, and coat and tie for civilians. See a member of class 05-C to sign up.

## Family Support

Call 687-7132 for details on these events or other family support center activities. Events take place at the FSC.

### Easter egg hunt set

An Easter egg hunt for children of deployed and remote service members will begin 9 a.m. March 19 at the Veteran's Memorial Park across the street from the 509th Security Forces Squadron building. The Easter bunny will at the event. To reserve a space, call the family support center by Thursday.

### Pre-retirement briefing offered

A pre-retirement briefing for people retiring from the military begins at 8 a.m. Monday. Representatives from the military personnel flight, family support center, Reserve and finance will provide information. The MPF separations and retirements office schedules members for this briefing. For more information, call 687-1500 or 687-6720.

### Pre-deployment briefing set

A mandatory pre-deployment briefing for people who are deploying or going on a temporary duty assignment for more than 30 days begins at 1 p.m. Wednesday. Spouses are encouraged to attend. This briefing covers information about preparing for deployment and programs available to family members who are left behind.

### Transition assistance offered

A three-day transition assistance program for people separating or retiring from the military begins at 8 a.m. Tuesday.

Attendees will learn basic resume writing skills, interviewing skills, salary negotiation and receive information on education and Veterans Administration benefits. Reservations are required.

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## Menus

### Knob Noster Elementary School

<b>Monday:</b>	Goulash, green beans, corn and raisins
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Fish sticks, pork with beans, salad and pears
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Beef fingers, potatoes, fruit cocktail, granola bar, and a roll
<b>Thursday:</b>	Egg roll, rice, Oriental vegetables and peaches
<b>March 18:</b>	Chili with beans, fritos, apple and a cookie

### Whiteman Elementary School

<b>Monday:</b>	Hamburger, french fries, Jell-O with fruit and a cookie
<b>Tuesday:</b>	Ham with beans, salad, fruit and a cookie
<b>Wednesday:</b>	Country-fried steak, scalloped potatoes, corn, orange popsicle and a roll
<b>Thursday:</b>	Chicken a la king, carrots, celery sticks, salad and pudding dessert
<b>March 18:</b>	Chili crispito, pinto beans, salad and yogurt

## Holy Week Schedule

### Catholic

Wednesday — Lent service and lunch 11:30 a.m.  
March 24 — Holy Thursday mass, 7 p.m.  
March 25 — Good Friday Service, 7 p.m.  
March 26 — Holy Saturday mass, 7 p.m.  
(There is no regular 5 p.m. mass)  
March 27 — Easter Sunday mass, 9 a.m.

### Protestant



Wednesday — Lent service and lunch 11:30 a.m. Meet in the annex.  
March 25 — Good Friday service 11:30 a.m.  
March 27 — Easter Sunday sunrise service, 7 a.m.

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## Three-on-three basketball tourney open to all services

**WASHINGTON (AFPN)** — Service members and their families have an opportunity to compete in a 3-on-3 single-elimination basketball tournament at military bases coast to coast. The tour began Saturday at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. It moves to Fort Bragg, N.C. March 19 and then goes to Fort Knox, Ky., March 26. The tourney travels to Norfolk Naval Station, Va., April 2 and then to Fort Hood, Texas, April 9. Other military venues in April, May and June include Travis AFB, Calif.; Fort Lewis, Wash.; Newport Naval Station, Rhode Island; and Fort Belvoir, Va. The tour concludes at Fort Drum, N.Y., June 25. The 3-on-3 teams will compete for cash prizes: \$1,000 to the top tournament championship team, \$300 for second prize and \$100 for third prize. Players will receive an event T-shirt, and spectators and event attendees will have a chance to win other prizes. The tournaments also will feature events for all ages such as video games and music. Above: Creighton Chilcote, 509th Communications Squadron, makes a pass during a recent intramural basketball game.

## Falcon roundup

**SAN ANTONIO (AFPN)** — It was a "mixed bag" for Air Force Academy sports teams over the weekend, but the men's basketball and tennis teams led the action with victories.

In men's basketball, the Falcons finished the regular season with a 61-56 victory over the University of Wyoming Cowboys. They ended the season with an overall record of 18-11 and 9-5 in Mountain West Conference action.

The cadets, seeded No. 3, open the 2005 MWC championships March 10 in Denver. They will square off on national television against 6th-seeded San Diego State University on ESPN beginning at 10 p.m. MST.

In women's basketball, the academy team lost its final two games of the season to Mountain West Conference opponents. In the first game March 3, the Falcons struggled on the offensive end in the second half, finally losing to the University of Wyoming, 60-43. In the final game of the season for the Falcons, poor shooting did them in as they lost to the Rams, 75-40. The academy hoopsters ended the regular season tied with San Diego State University,

both with a 2-12 record. In the MWC playoffs in Denver, which begin March 9, the No. 7 seed Falcons will face No. 2 seed, University of Utah.

In a busy weekend of tennis, the Air Force men's tennis team snapped its three-match losing streak with three key victories. On March 5, the men started with a 6-1 victory over the University of Montana team.

The following day, they stayed on track, beating the University of Wisconsin-Green Bay, 7-0, and then Weber State University by the same score. With the win, the Falcons improved to 11-3 overall this season and 7-0 at the academy. The doubles team of Tyler McClung and Shannon Buck, ranked No. 20 in the country, improved to 12-1 overall and 8-0 in dual match play at home.

In wrestling, with first-place finishes by Brandon Strong and Matt Benza, the Air Force wrestling team came in third at the 2005 NCAA West Regional Championships March 5. Winning the team title was Northern Iowa University, with 93 points, while Fresno State University finished second with 88.5 points. Air Force

followed with 56.5 points. With the West Regionals wrapped up, the season comes to a close for most of the Air Force wrestlers. However, by virtue of their individual titles, Strong and Benza will each receive automatic bids to the NCAA Championships, to be held in St. Louis, March 17 to 19.

In baseball, the Falcons were 1-4 during a weekend series in Bradenton, Fla. They lost their first game March 3 to Northeastern University, 13-6. A nine-run sixth inning by the Huskies broke open what had been a very close game. In the second game the following day, Air Force bounced back to defeat Valparaiso University 10-4. The Falcons had a season-high 15 base hits in that game.

In the third game, held March 5, a big four-run seventh inning by Indiana University-Purdue University at Fort Wayne helped the Mastodons to an 8-3 win. In the final game of the series, Lehigh University jumped out to an early 9-0 lead and cruised to a 12-6 win over the Falcons. The weekend series left the academy team with a 4-11 record for the season.

## Sports shorts

### Soccer letters due March 22

Soccer season begins April 4. Members interested in participating must fill out and return a letter of intent to the fitness center by March 22. See your first sergeant or sports representative for the letter of intent. For more details, call the fitness center at 687-5496.

### Basketball tournament set

A tournament takes place 11 a.m.-1 p.m. March 21-25. Sign your three-person team up by Wednesday at the fitness center. For more details, call the fitness center staff.



### Bowling Standings

Wednesday Intramural League  
(Week 25 of 34 current as of March 9)

Team	Wins	Losses
CES A	146	54
AMXS	135	65
OSS	134	66
MDG A	124	76
SVS	114	86
MXS A	114	86
CPTS	104	96
SFS	99	101
MXS B	94	106
COMM	89	111
MUNS	88	112
MSS/BW	88	112
CES B	75	125
MOS	72	128
CES C	71	129
BLIND	45	155

## Aerobics Schedule

For more details about these classes, call the fitness center at 687-5496.

**Mondays** — 5:45 a.m. Cycling, 12:15 p.m. Turbo Kick, 5:15 p.m. Core Strength, 6:15 p.m. Yoga, and 8 p.m. Cardio Kickbox

**Tuesdays** — 9 a.m. Pilates, 11:30 Extreme Fitness, 4:30 p.m. Cycling, and 6:15 p.m. Kick n Step

**Wednesdays** — 5:45 a.m. Cycling, 12:15 p.m. Bounce & Burn, and 5:15 p.m. Core Strength

**Thursdays** — 9 a.m. Pilates, 11:30 a.m. Extreme Fitness, 4:30 p.m. Cycling, 6:15 p.m. Kick n step, and 8 p.m. Cardio Kickbox

**Fridays** — 5:45 a.m. Cycling and 12:15 p.m. Turbo Kick



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## Sports & Recreation

### Outdoor Recreation 687-5565

#### Fly fishing at Bennett Springs

Take a fishing trip 8 a.m.-5 p.m. March 19 to Bennett Springs, Mo. A \$3 trout permit must be purchased. Participants 16 and older are required to have a fishing license. The cost of \$5 includes transportation. Call outdoor recreation for more information and to sign up.

#### Boater safety class

A class takes place 8 a.m.-5 p.m. March 19 at outdoor recreation. This is a mandatory class for anyone who wants to rent a boat from outdoor recreation. Issues such as safety, state laws, outdoor recreation rules and using boating equipment will be discussed. A video from the state water patrol will be shown and a certification test will be given at the end of the course. Participants will have the opportunity to tour boats after the class. Call outdoor recreation for more information and to sign up.

### Fitness Center 687-5496

#### March madness basketball tournament

A tournament takes place 11 a.m.-1 p.m. March 21-25. Sign your three-person team up by Wednesday at the fitness center front desk for this tournament. Call for more information. Sponsored in part by GNC\* in Warrensburg.

### Royal Oaks Golf Course 687-5572

Lockers at the Royal Oaks Golf Course must be cleaned out today. Lockers that are not cleaned out will be opened, items bagged and taken to the new club house.

## Food & Fun

### Mission's End 687-4422

#### Membership night

Members can take advantage of the weekly \$1 per plate special 5-7 p.m. Fridays. Today's special is Mariner's Catch.

#### Mega March madness

Exclusively from DirecTV\*, Mega March Madness\* brings you up to 37 out-of-market CBS-produced broadcasts from the first three rounds of the NCAA\* Division 1 mens basketball tournament, up to and including the Sweet 16. This is available for members only.

#### ACC \$1 dinner

The Air Combat Command \$1 dinner takes place 5-7 p.m. Thursday at the Mission's End. Club members can enjoy corned beef, roast beef, cabbage, green beans, boiled potatoes, salad, dessert and drinks. The cost is \$1 per member. This is a members only event.

### Stars & Strikes 687-5114

#### Luck of the Irish tournament

A triplex trios tournament begins at 6 p.m. Monday at the bowling center. Teams must sign up by Sunday. The cost is \$45 per team for the prize fund. Team score is based on the best score bowled on each frame. For more information contact the bowling center staff. This tournament is sponsored in part by Speedway Chevrolet\* and Action Realty\*.

### Deployed family members meal

Families of deployed Whiteman members may eat at the Ozark Dining facility 4:30-8 p.m. Thursday. Participants must bring a copy of the deployed spouse's orders. This is cash only event. For more information, call 687-1383.

## Community Activities

### Skills Development Center 687-5691

#### Semi-Annual stained glass sale

The skills development center offers a 25 percent discount on all in-stock stained glass during March.

### Veterinary Clinic 687-2667

#### Does your pet have bad breath?

The vet clinic now carries a large selection of pet dental products including toothpaste, water additives, and greenies chews. Call or stop by to check out our line of dental care. Visit the vet clinic at 401 Lockbourne Terrace between 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays or 8:30-2:30 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays.

### Family Child Care 687-1180

#### Extended duty care

Register now for the extended duty care program. It is available to help parents meet child care requirements for extra duty hours and child care emergencies. Care is provided in a contracted, licensed family child care home to augment regular care arrangements. An application must be completed before participating. Call for more details

### Youth Center 687-5586

#### Volunteer coaches are needed

Volunteers are needed for kindergarten-12th grade coach pitch, softball, T-ball and baseball. Training and certification are provided by the youth center. Stop by the youth center to pick a volunteer packet. Call 687-3199 for information and to sign up.

#### Field trip

Youths can take a trip 12:30-5:30 p.m. Saturday to Warrensburg for a day of swimming in an indoor pool. Participants should bring a change of clothes and extra money for dinner at McDonald's.

#### St. Patrick's day party

Join the youth center for the annual K-7 party. Youths can have their face painted or play games in the gym. Play bingo for prizes or play games with friends in the lobby. The cost is \$6 for members and \$7.50 for nonmembers.

#### Flashlight Easter egg hunt

Youth in kindergarten through fourth grades can bring flashlights 6:30-9:30 p.m. March 18 for a nighttime Easter egg hunt. When all the eggs are found, participants can decorate cookies, lollipop walk, play games, watch a movie and play bingo to win prizes. The cost is \$7 for members and \$8.50 for nonmembers.

### Tickets & Travel 687-5643

Need plane tickets, hotel accommodations, cruise information or information on local attractions? The Whiteman Tickets & Travel staff will be glad to help you. Stop by the office located inside the skills development center 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays.

### Teen Center 687-5819

#### Go-carts in Kansas City

Teens can take a trip to noon-6 p.m. March 19 Kansas City, Mo., to ride go-carts with friends. The cost is \$2. Bring money for go-carts and snacks.

### Community Center 687-5617

#### XTreme board games

Play extreme board games 6-10 p.m. today at the community center. Games include "Axis & Allies," "Risk," "Civilization" and more.

#### Stack Your Deck

Not your ordinary card game 1-3 p.m. Saturday. We furnish the cards, you build the biggest card house without collapse. Prizes for tallest and most area covered. This free event is open to all ages.

#### A tisket, a tasket, look I made a basket

Create a simple reed basket to give as a gift or keep for yourself 1-3 p.m. March 19. Individual instruction will be offered to each weaver. Ages nine and older are welcome. The cost of \$2 includes instruction and supplies.

#### You must have been a beautiful baby

Submit a favorite picture of your baby to be publicly displayed and voted on. Bring your photo to the community center by Tuesday with baby's name and parent's names, phone number and birth date on the back. Voting will take place March 25. Ballots will be counted to decide winners at 6 p.m. March 25. Babies must be 12 months or younger. Prizes will be awarded to all participants. No professional photos please. Pictures can be picked up after March 29.

### Ozark Inn 687-5476

**Beginning April 4, carry-out items will be restricted to military members in uniform only. Contact the dining facility for more details.**

## Movie Schedule

### Friday & Saturday

**Phantom of the Opera 7 p.m. PG-13**  
Starring — Gerard Butler & Emmy Rossum

### Sunday

**The Wedding Date 5:30 p.m. PG-13**  
Starring — Debra Messing & Dermot Mulroney

Adults: \$3.50 Children: \$1.75  
Movie Recording Line: 687-5110

Movies subject to change due to availability.

For current and future movie listings log on to <http://www.aafes.com/ems/conus/whiteman.htm>.